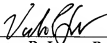


REMARKS

By this Preliminary Amendment, the Applicant hereby amends claim 14 and cancels claims 13, 20, 21, and 27. Claims 1-12, 14-19, 22-26, 28, and 29 are currently pending. These amendments are not made for any reason related to patentability, but are instead made solely to comply with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(b)(1).

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